

# Guardian East

A soldier in full camouflage uniform, including a cap with a cross emblem, stands in a stone-paved area. He is holding a rifle vertically. To his left is a green trash bin, and behind him is a wooden wall. The scene is outdoors with some foliage in the background.

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# Message to the troops



**By Command Sgt. Maj.  
Kenneth R. Jacoby**

The key to successful leadership and our ability to succeed in our mission here in Kosovo is communication.

The Army has two formal means of communication: the Chain of Command and the Non-Commissioned Officer support channel. Both are vital links between leaders and soldiers, and are mutually supportive in accomplishing our mission and taking care of soldiers.

The Chain of Command issues orders and missions. The NCO support channel is responsible for carrying out the mission by communication, follow-up and constant monitoring of soldiers as the mission is carried out successfully.

How well are we doing this in KFOR rotation 5A? If you don't know the expectations, standards, and what is happening, we are not succeeding. If "barracks lawyers" and rumors prevail in your

organization, the NCO support channel is broken.

Issues such as promotion, pay problems, uniform standards, rules of engagement, FMPP, schools and standards of conduct need to be understood by each and every soldier of this Task Force. The NCO support channel has the answers. Everyone needs to use it - not only the leaders. The soldiers being led need to participate, ask questions, seek answers, and be proactive in understanding the issues which affect us each and every day.

NCO leaders at every level, you need to energize your support channel. Talk to your soldiers - ask specific questions which challenge the soldier in order to make sure you are certain that he gets answers to his concerns. Do your people know what's expected and what is happening in each area of concern? If not, fix it!

Here in KFOR rotation 5A, we have some of the best NCOs and soldiers in America's Army. We must constantly monitor our communication channels and work

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diligently to enhance and support the chain of command. I have the utmost faith in our NCOs and soldiers and we are succeeding at this vitally important area most of the time. However, we must continue to focus on communication so we will succeed all the time. ROLL ON!

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Greek 501st Mechanized  
Battalion soldier, stands  
watch at a home in Ferizaj/  
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**Story and Photos by Christina E. Witten**

The rhythmic hums of helicopter blades slicing through the air sound above Camp Bondsteel as the helicopter shepherds of Company E, 107<sup>th</sup> Aviation, keep watch over their flock. These shepherds are the air traffic controllers who have the vital role of manning the Bondsteel tower both day and night, a demanding task, yet one the men of Company E find both challenging and rewarding.

The mission of Company E is to “provide a safe, orderly, and expeditious flow of aircraft throughout their airspace,” encompassing a six-mile diameter around the Bondsteel tower, explained Sgt. Neil Seymour, air traffic

**Sgt. Neil Seymour uses a map to explain the perimeters of the Bondsteel tower's airspace. The control room has limited free space and the map is placed conveniently on the ceiling.**



controller shift supervisor. Carrying out this mission requires giving a variety of necessary information to the pilots when called upon.

Staff Sgt. Jesus Garcia, air traffic control tower chief, explained, “Whatever they request, as far as locations, weather information, and any other pertinent information, we deliver that information to the pilots. The more they know from us, the better off they are in their flying missions, and that’s what keeps them safe, and that’s what makes our job satisfactory.”

At all times, an air traffic controller must be prepared for any scenario.

Sgt. Robert Perez, air traffic controller shift supervisor in ground controlled approach, stated, “As a controller, you have 30 seconds or below to make a decision on what you’re going to do with an aircraft, which could be a life-saving decision for that pilot and his crew, so that’s why the knowledge that we have as controllers is something that we have to keep up to date on.”

To aid in an emergency situation, the tower is proactively equipped with a “crash phone,” rigged to call all needed emergency personnel, Garcia explained. In an emergency situation, the air traffic controller acquires the greatest amount of information about the aircraft, pilot and crew, then immediately uses the phone to provide the quickest possible response.

The stress of reacting to an emergency situation is intense, but the fulfillment received from saving a life soon overshadows the stress experienced.

“For us, it’s a great feeling because we’ve done our job,” Garcia stated, “and that’s what we’re here for. I’ve had several emergencies, and it’s a good feeling when you do it right, the way you were trained to do it.”

Bondsteel controllers have established a relationship of respect and trust with the pilots here. That high level of respect and trust can be partially attributed to Perez’s customer-satisfaction philosophy.

“We’ve got to keep our customers safe,” stated Perez, “and that’s pretty much what it comes down to. The most important thing in this job is keeping everybody safe.”

Chief Warrant Officer William Haaren, a pilot with Alpha Company, 1-131st Aviation, unit trainer, stated, “I trust them. They’re trained to do their job, and they’re trained well. We have to trust in each other that 1) I’m going to do what I’ve been told to do, and 2) they’re giving me good directions.”

While air traffic controlling is always important, a controller’s role becomes even more so when adverse weather develops.

The air traffic controllers “are able to see things that we [pilots] may not necessarily be able to see,” explained Chief Warrant Officer Dennis Smith, Alpha Company, 1-131st Aviation, aviation safety officer. “They provide a



**Above:** Staff Sgt. Jesus Garcia converses by telephone about the day's flights.

very important service, and we wouldn't be able to make it without them. Whenever we're inside the clouds, and we have no visibility, we're totally relying upon their guidance and our aircraft instrumentation."

Being an air traffic controller comes with the responsibility of learning an abundance of information that is constantly changing from year to year and duty station to duty station.

"Every environment, every tower, every airspace is different," explained Perez. "You have to learn specific air space, specific procedures, specific approaches, and just because you were qualified at another airfield doesn't mean that you're going to get qualified at the airfield you go to. You still have to go through training procedure."

Although learning the essential information can be stressful, Sgt. Chris Cook, air traffic controller in training, enjoys the ever-changing atmosphere, stating, "Learning everything, it's a challenge, but it's not mundane. This job is never the same, day in and day out."

Even if these men weren't fans of a good challenge, the training also provides these Tennessee National Guard soldiers the opportunity to get the experience they might need to work in air traffic control as civilians.

"This is their foot in the door," stated Garcia, "and if they learn the craft, they could have a job in the civilian world."

**Below:** Staff Sgt. Thomas Prather, Company E, 107th Aviation air traffic control chief, converses with a helicopter pilot through radio communications.



# Experiencing Combat Stress...in Kosovo?

**Story and Photo by  
Cpt. Lora Neal**

Mood lighting is not an option; there is a painful absence of a comfortable couch and aromatherapy candles, and an awkward lack of facial tissues. The office is instead stark hospital white, brightly lit, and lacking warmth in all ways one might expect from a therapist's office.

Spc. Travis Zimmerman, mental health specialist with Task Force Med Falcon, Combat Stress Control team, may not have a fancy office but he does provide an invaluable service. He is a combat stress therapist whose personality exudes both compassion and warmth.



**Spc. Travis Zimmerman talks to a client about the week's events and stressful situations.**

Some people don't understand combat stress in a non-combat environment, but as Zimmerman explained, "The CSC team does not necessarily deal with post traumatic stress disorder." He went on to say, "What the team does deal with though, is the here and now, so the feelings can be dealt with as soon as possible. We try to keep people here and keep them mission ready while at the same time alleviate what stressors are on them."

According to FM 22-51: *Leader's Manual for Combat Stress Control*,

the U.S. Army learned when stress casualties were treated quickly, close to their units, most recovered and returned to duty.

Stress is the body and mind's process for dealing with uncertain change and danger. Elimination of stress is both impossible and undesirable in either the Army's combat or peacetime missions (FM 22-51). Combat stress is the result of internal and external stressors. Many stressors are generated from the soldier's mission demands. Combat stress in this situation (the mission in Kosovo), is likely the result of a heavy workload, rigorous pace, long hours and lack of a familiar support system.

Military organizations can perform their mission at peak efficiency for only so long. Prolonged demands of combat or work cause efficiency to drop, even when physical losses are low.

When he sees a client for the first time, Zimmerman asks them outright "What's going on?" They often are just not equipped to deal with issues, Zimmerman said.

"In counseling I don't fix things. I get clients to look at things another way, from a different angle," Zimmerman said.

The Shippensburg, Pa. native, who has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, works as a counselor at a Chambersburg, Pa. youth detention center. While most of his experience has been with juveniles, he equates his job here as being similar, but with a different age group, and different thinking patterns.

The CSC mission in Kosovo provides education as well as prevention. Some of the classes offered are individual or unit anger management, stress management, and suicide prevention.

"With command intervention we can coordinate to present these to units," Zimmerman said.

In addition to providing a therapist, the CSC also boasts Capt. Cora Courage at Camp Monteith. She

is TFMF psychologist who can diagnose and treat stress related casualties. At Bondsteel, the TFMF psychiatrist, Maj. Anthony Mickelson, can prescribe medications to couple with therapy. Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Duane Dodson, TFMF CSC non-commissioned officer in charge, does preventative work in part by patrolling with and visiting units to assess how they are doing.

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**Spc. Travis Zimmerman**

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Zimmerman is concerned that there is a stigma attached to attending combat stress counseling. He said people are afraid of being labeled as crazy.

"We don't label anyone. Soldiers are afraid if they come in here it's a career ender. We're not the career stoppers. It's when soldiers keep stress inside and manage it ineffectively they make inappropriate decisions and that is what stops careers.

"The best and most effective way to manage stress is to talk to people about it. If you get ten people's input on how you can deal with what is going on, maybe through their experiences you can make good decisions. If you hold your stress in, it's going to get you," he cautioned.

Leaders and staff at all levels are responsible for CSC. Individual soldiers, family members, chaplains and medics must also be involved and work together continuously.

Zimmerman wants people to know what resources are available and where they are located. The CSC office, located in the hospital, is open from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday and 8 to 11 on Saturday. Walk-in appointments are welcome.

## ***How much do you know about Combat Stress?***

**Combat stress reactions are psychological reactions to fierce combat or operations other than war and are both physical and psychological.**

**Psychological reactions include things like anxiety, hypervigilance, difficulty concentrating, or sleeping, irritability and sadness.**

**Combat stress reactions are normal reactions to abnormally stressful or traumatic situations. If these reactions go on for long periods of time or get in the way of job performance, it's important to get treatment.**

**There is a lot of overlap between combat stress and the stress of everyday activity.**

Source: Belvoir Eagle, American Forces Press Service, by Rudi Williams, May 2003

# **Toy Guns Are Not Child's Play**

**By Deputy Commander for Maneuver Col. Phil Carlin**

As soldiers patrol the streets of Kosovo, they will likely see a very disturbing activity there - children with toy guns that look like real weapons. Over the past few weeks, soldiers have reported activities in the field where children have pointed these weapons at KFOR soldiers. It is essential that you are aware of these toys and what they look like. It is also essential that you remain cautious. However, remaining cautious does not entitle overreaction.

As you patrol the streets in your sector, remember that children are still involved in summer activities. As in many other countries, including America, toy guns are often a part of those summer games. The problem we face in Kosovo is the similarity between the toy and the real thing. In many countries, actions have been taken to put some sort of identification

on play guns so that it is possible to see them as toys. That is not the case in Kosovo. So I must rely on you, the KFOR soldier, to use common sense when approached by children with these toys.

When you see children with toy guns, do not take the toy away from him, unless you are prepared to give him a new toy in return. Teach the child that it is not appropriate to point the toy at other people, especially soldiers with real weapons.

Try to find out where the toy was purchased and talk to the shop owner about the dangers of children playing with these weapons. In addition to the shop owners, make every effort towards contacting the parents and talking to them about these dangers.

I expect you to be cautious in the field. However, I also expect you to use common sense. Think! Stay alert, but be smart! And use common sense!

**Many Kosovar children play with realistic-looking toy guns like this one. Use common sense when you see these "weapons". Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.**



# Causing a Crisis or Orchestrating an Opportunity: Marriage Enrichment Workshop Established to Strengthen Every Marriage

**Story by Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold**

Why does a person spend countless hours washing and waxing an expensive new car, or spend thousands of dollars for a security system to protect their house? A very possible answer could be they put a high value on these things.

So, the question could be asked, what value should be placed on a current or future marriage?



“The big test is when we get back home (from this deployment). We want

to make the reunification (of the family) much deeper and stronger,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Jackson, Area Support Group Falcon deputy commander.

Jackson has coordinated with the chaplains to hold a marriage enrichment workshop Mondays at 1930 hours at the Camp Bondsteel South Chapel. It will last 10-12 weeks.

Jackson has been teaching marriage strengthening, reconciliation, and parenting classes for eight years. He is founder and CEO of the New Mexico Family Council and works closely with Focus on the Family, Family Research Council, and state and federal legislative and executive branches. Jackson hosts his own radio program called “For the Family” which is heard both regionally in New Mexico and nationally. He is a noted national speaker and frequent TV and radio guest on relationship, marriage, and family issues. Jackson and his wife Kathy currently lead a couple’s

ministry at their church in Rio Rancho, N.M. They have three children still residing at home: Kaitlyn, 16, Kirsten, 9, and Kara, 5.

As Jackson addressed the first workshop group of 25 civilians and soldiers August 4, he spoke with obvious concern and honesty about the importance of sound families and marriages. “There is a strong parallel between the oath we gave to protect and defend our nation and the marriage vow we gave to love and protect one’s spouse,” said Jackson.

To fulfill our oath to our country, morale is critical. A soldier’s marriage or family life back home can dramatically affect their morale, thereby affecting the mission down range, he added.

According to Jackson, corporate America has realized the family and spiritual condition of its employees is directly related to job performance. Businesses are now more receptive to providing marriage and family therapy,

if for nothing else than to increase productivity.

The Army is also allocating personnel and funding to help families and marriages. The Building Strong and Ready Families initiative is an example. The BSRF provides training that is meant to improve the functioning and communication of Army couples.

According to BSRF initiative guidelines, “Soldiers who know their families are fully equipped to handle deployments, are more mission focused, and combat ready.”

A soldier who has a strong marriage and family is likely to be one of the most productive and beneficial troops a commander can have. This factor is a strong indicator of both individual and unit success.

Peacekeeping missions are not exempt from marital difficulties. In a study of a 1995 peacekeeping deployment, we found that the divorce rate over two years was



**Photo courtesy of The American Red Cross**

around 20 percent. For people who were unhappy in their marriages to begin with, the divorce rate was around 45 percent, but for people who were happy in their marriages beforehand, it was around 13 percent. Regardless of whether it's 13 percent or 45 percent, it's higher than in a comparable civilian population, particularly an employed civilian population, which has an annual divorce rate of about 5 percent," said Walter Schumm, Kansas State University family studies professor and retired U.S. Army Reserve colonel, in a July 3 news release.

Jackson emphasized this workshop is not a miracle cure. Tools for developing communication and financial skills will be discussed and practiced. As with any tool, it is useless if the one possessing it does not use it.

"There is no sitting on the fence.

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You are either working to improve your marriage or you are letting it go. Any marriage, regardless of whether it is an A- or a D- one needs to be a work in progress. Physical distance in a marriage doesn't mean we can put a marriage in PARK," emphasized Jackson.

There were ground rules given out which emphasized the importance of unity and dedication in the group:

1. What is talked about in the class stays in the class, confidentiality is key.

2. This is a safe environment; we're all here to encourage each other.

3. Commitment to help others



**Army photo by Sharon T. Bass, DAC, Ft. Stewart, Ga.**

no matter how their marriage is going.

The sharing of experiences and ideas will be an important part of helping those attending to benefit from other's successes and trials. Several people emphasized how this has previously been a help to them.

"No marriage is hopeless. If you each have a pulse there is hope. Even if only one of the spouses is willing to work and wants to improve the marriage, there is hope," Jackson stressed.

The workshop has something to offer everyone. If a soldier is single, tools will be given to better help a future marriage. Whether newlywed or seasoned veteran, the workshop will offer many and varied ways to make the marriage journey one to be enjoyed and not just endured.

Jackson and the chaplains are committed to help the soldiers and civilians here have a growing and loving family life. This in turn, may lead to a more efficient, productive and cohesive task force.



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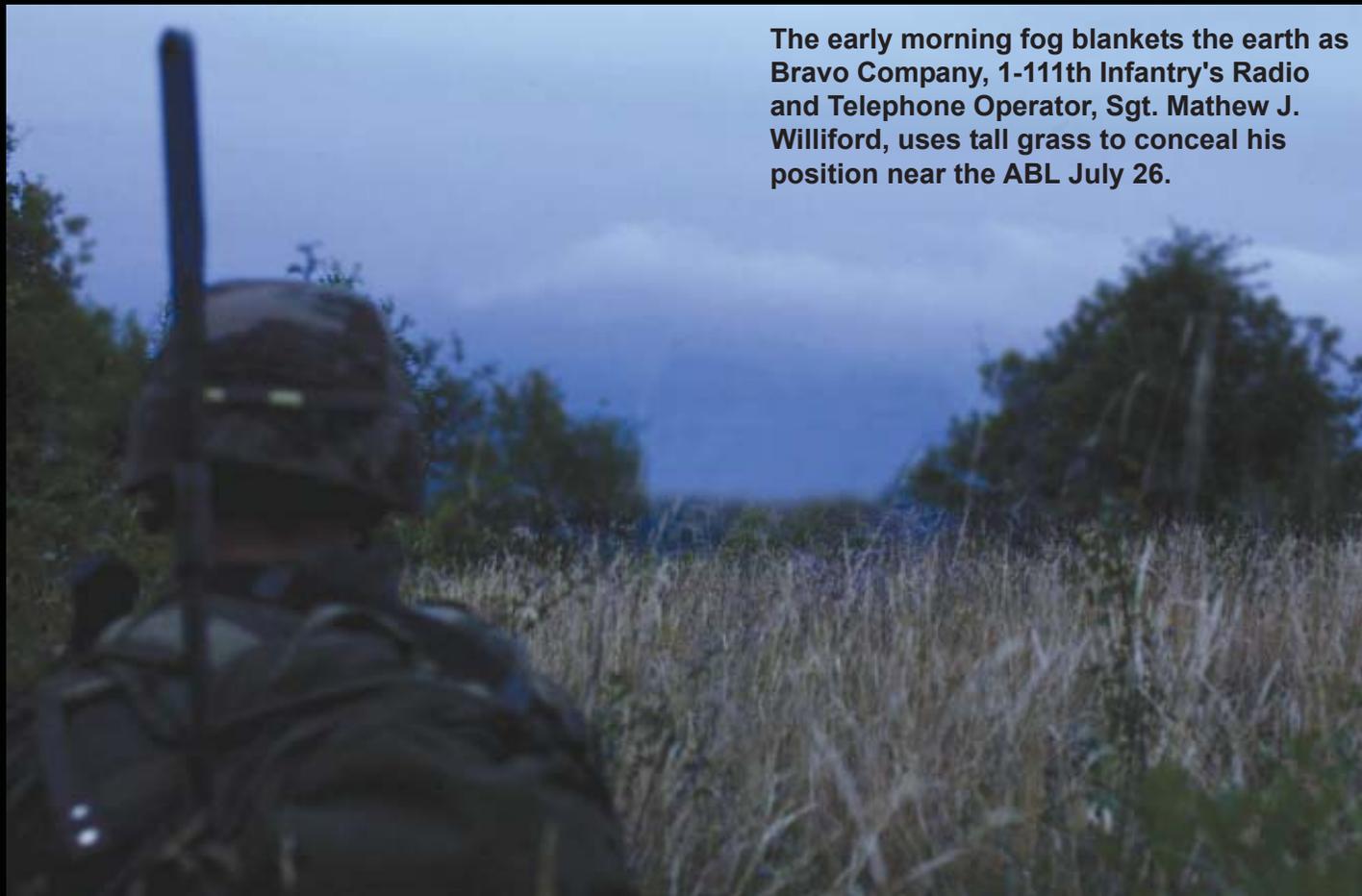
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The early morning fog blankets the earth as Bravo Company, 1-111th Infantry's Radio and Telephone Operator, Sgt. Mathew J. Williford, uses tall grass to conceal his position near the ABL July 26.

## On the Line:

### Bravo Co., 1-111th Patrols Administrative Boundary Line

**Story and Photos by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson**

GORNJE GARE, Kosovo — As the veil of mountain fog lifted, revealing a new day, a small town on the Administrative Boundary Line between Kosovo and Serbia, received some unexpected guests July 26.

A squad of the Pennsylvania National Guard's finest infantrymen patrolled the nearly deserted town as part of a continuing effort by U.S. forces to maintain both a safe and secure environment in Kosovo, as well as stop smuggling.

"Everyone has a right to a safe and secure environment," said Spc. James W. Quinn, nuclear, biological, and chemical non-commissioned officer for Bravo Company, 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry.

Soldiers from Bravo Company made their way, under cover of darkness, along the narrow, winding

road that leads to the ABL. Rough terrain made their forward movement slow and calculated.

The convoy stopped several times to ensure it was not crossing the ABL.

The squad secured their vehicles in a concealed position by posting guards upon arrival at their dismount point. The rest of the squad moved down the road as the sun was making its appearance through the fog.

While the squad searched several abandoned buildings, it also kept a wary eye on the ABL for anything out of the ordinary.

After searching this village, the squad set up a listening post/observation post.

Quinn, from West Chester, Pa., said the desire for a peaceful environment is universal.

"It's like at my house, I can step out my door and not have to worry about being attacked," Quinn said.

"It's a right everyone should have."

Driver, and fellow West Chester, Pa., native, Spc. Phillip J. Conzentino, echoed Quinn's sentiment. "It's probably the first thing I feel good about - giving (Kosovars) something like we have at home."

The patrol, while not yielding weapons or smugglers, was not without its major benefits to the squad. The mission not only helped provide a safe and secure environment in the area, but it also served to provide information to the squad leader, Staff Sgt. James W. Mergott.

The possibility of future missions in the area made the event more worthwhile, according to Mergott. He was able to access problems as well as solutions dealing with getting personnel to the ABL in adverse weather conditions.

Mergott added he would enjoy having his squad placed in the area for several days at a time, citing training and security missions.



**Above:** Radio and Telephone Operator Sgt. Mathew J. Williford (Right) leads the way as he and Squad Leader Staff Sgt. James W. Mergott, both of Bravo Company, 1-111th Infantry, inspect an abandoned house near the Administrative Boundary Line July 26.



**Left:** Teamleader Cpl. Jared P. Leirmeister, Bravo Company, 1-111th Infantry, observes his sector of the Administrative Boundary Line July 26.

**Below:** Staff Sgt. James W. Mergott (Left) checks with Radio and Telephone Operator Sgt. Mathew J. Williford's global positioning system to ensure his squad does not cross the ABL during pre-dawn patrol operations near the village of Gornje Gare July 26.



# Still the One:

## 501st Soldiers Stand Watch



Staff Sgt. Kosmas Mazianitis, Greek 501st Mechanized Battalion soldier, watches over a home in Ferizaj/Urosevac August 9.

Story and Photos by  
Spc. Christina E. Witten

FERIZAJ/UROSEVAC, Kosovo – Kosovo Force’s mission is to provide a safe and secure environment, and as KFOR soldiers conduct their daily patrols and observations, the Kosovo streets appear relatively peaceful.

Inside the Nikolic residence, three elderly women live under the protection of the 501<sup>st</sup> Mechanized Battalion (Greece). The story of these women serves as a reminder to KFOR soldiers that their work here is not yet done.

A little over four years ago, KFOR began its mission in Kosovo. Prior to June, 1999, Sani and Lilly Nikolic and their mother, Daniela Nikolic, lived a comfortable life in their Ferizaj/Urosevac apartment.

During the transition between Serbian rule and KFOR protection, “It was the worst period of our lives,” Lilly Nikolic explained. “We lost everything. Our Serbian neighbors left the city. We tried to tell them not to go, but the people got afraid.”

Sani, Lilly and Daniela Nikolic were born and raised in Ferizaj/Urosevac. When their Serbian friends fled their homes out of fear in the summer of 1999, the Nikolic women remained. Lilly Nikolic said their kinship with the city they had always called home was too great to abandon, and their Albanian friends assured them they had nothing to fear.

Unfortunately, the family’s situation became strained due to criminal activity, and the family eventually contacted KFOR for assistance. Immediately, KFOR soldiers were placed at the residence to stand guard both day and night. Still today, the 501<sup>st</sup> guards remain posted there and are appreciated for their care.

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**“The most important thing is we feel secure. We can sleep in the night unafraid.”**

Lilly Nikolic

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“The most important thing is we feel secure,” Lilly Nikolic stated. “We can sleep in the night unafraid. I feel very secure with the Greek army. They understand our problem and they want to

## in Ferizaj/Urosevac

help us.”

The 501<sup>st</sup> not only provides security for the Nikolic family, but they also provide them with additional supplies and escort services.

Sani Nikolic suffers from arthritis, Lilly Nikolic is restricted to a wheel chair, and Daniela Nikolic suffers from extremely poor eyesight. The three women are very grateful for the 501<sup>st</sup> who assist them daily.

“If we have a [medical] problem,” Sani Nikolic explained, “we tell the soldier outside,” and KFOR assists us.

“The Greek doctors help Albanians too,” Sani Nikolic explained. “The Greeks have a position that is between the two communities [Albanian and Serbian.] They are not only helping one, but they are helping the other too. This is a very good thing.”

**Spc. Vasilis Pappas, Greek 501st Mechanized Battalion soldier, remains posted at a home in Ferizaj/Urosevac August 9.**



**Staff Sgt. Kosmas Mazianitis, Greek 501st Mechanized Battalion soldier, stands watch at a home in Ferizaj/Urosevac.**

The 501<sup>st</sup> goes above and beyond the call of duty by providing Sani, Lilly and Daniela Nikolic with companionship.

“During the war, we lost every friend that we had,” Sani Nikolic said, but “the soldiers are like family.”

“I am happy to protect these women,” stated Spc. Vasilis Pappas, a 501<sup>st</sup> soldier. “I enjoy working at all observation points but especially here. I enjoy speaking with Sani and Lilly, and Sani makes wonderful Greek coffee.”

KFOR has seen much peace and security restored to this region, but be confident that each soldier here is still an important instrument in the orchestration of Kosovo’s safe and secure present and future.

# Medics Offer "New Hope" in Novo Brdo



**Cpt. Rajesh J. Sondkar, a dentist with the 176th Medical Group, inspects a patient's teeth July 18.**

## Story and Photos by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson

NOVO BRDO, Kosovo - Novo Brdo, which means "new hill", received "nova nada" - new hope - in the form of medical assistance as soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Companies of 2-2 Infantry and 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry visited July 18.

Medics from 2-2 trained their replacements from 1-111<sup>th</sup> on procedures for Medical Civilian Assistance Program missions as part of the transfer of authority.

Medic Spc. Willie Wilson, of Norristown, Pa., said helping in this capacity is "all I really want to do. I feel honored. It makes me want to work harder."

Citizens of the municipality were invited to take advantage of medical, dental, and optical treatment during the MEDCAP. Local medical practitioners were invited to observe and ask questions about both American medical practices and tools of the trade American soldiers use. Medical events such as this are important to the people of the province due to a lack of hospitals in rural areas, lack of transportation to and from adequate medical care, and medical treatment being unaffordable for many people, according to Sgt. 1st Class Eric J. Molitoris, a physician's assistant with Task Force Medical Falcon.

Problems medical professionals expect to see during the typical MEDCAP include infections and minor health concerns. However occasionally a serious medical condition can be discovered.

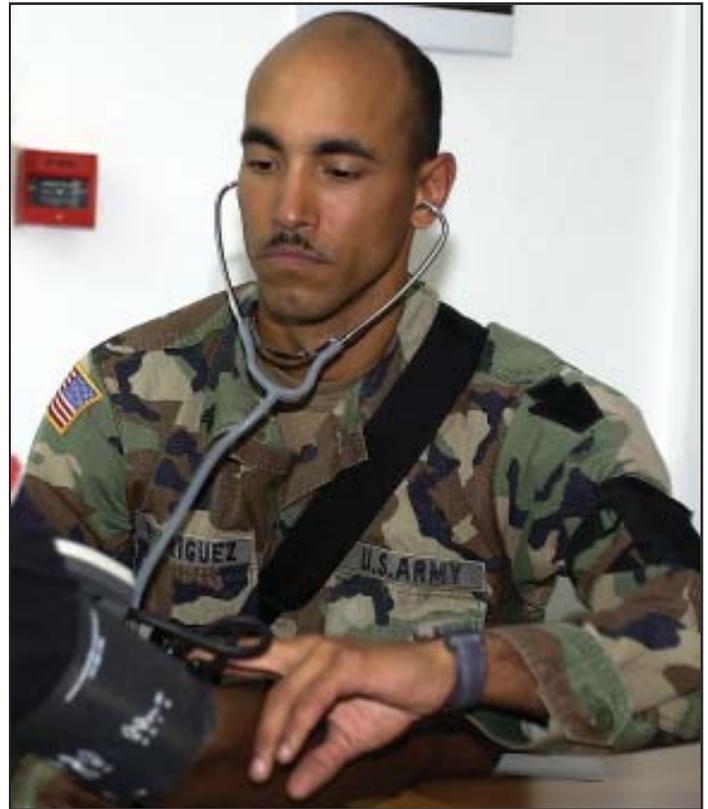
"You just have to be prepared for anything and everything," emphasized Wilson.

According to TFMF Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge Staff Sgt. Jose G. Meruelo, the event fosters good will between the people of Kosovo and the soldiers of Task Force Falcon. It is for this reason the event is an integral part of maintaining a safe and secure environment in

Kosovo.

"When they see American doctors taking care of their own (people) in their villages, I think they really appreciate it," Meruelo said.

The event also served to introduce the local citizens to the soldiers that will be providing them with some of their medical care in the future.



**Sgt. Daniel Rodriguez, a medic with HHC, 1-111th Infantry, takes vital signs of a patient at a July 18 MEDCAP.**

## MNB(E) Interpreter Georgi Juhanaev speaks with a local woman as he signs her in at the MEDCAP July 18.



# Alabama Senator Visits Troops, Tours Sector

Story and Photos by  
Sgt. Heidi Schaap

Multi-National Brigade (East) Commander Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck and the Task Force Falcon Joint Visitor's Bureau hosted a visit from United States Senator Jeff Sessions Aug. 7, as he visited various locations within the MNB(E) sector.

Sessions, a Republican from Ala. and chairman of the Air Land Subcommittee, Senate Armed Services, said he visited because he believes it is very important for members of Congress to visit U.S. forces whenever and wherever possible.

"This is my third visit to Kosovo," Sessions said. "On each occasion I have seen remarkable progress due to the efforts of U.S. and Coalition partners. These units, working together, have brought peace and security to this troubled region."

Because Sessions is a Mobile, Ala. native, he gave special attention to 1/131<sup>st</sup> Aviation, comprised of Alabama National Guard members stationed at Camp Bondsteel.

Not only were some of these 1-131<sup>st</sup> soldiers his UH-60 Blackhawk pilots and crewmembers for the day, but he was also able to share lunch with them at Bondsteel's



**Sen. Jeff Sessions, accompanies the 1137th Military Police Company, led by 1137th Platoon Leader 1st Lt. Benjamin Thompson, on a walking patrol of Gjilane Aug. 7.**

William S. Cohen dining facility. After presenting the unit with an Alabama state flag, Sessions took a few minutes to talk with them about the KFOR mission and the Reserve/Guard role in it.

"This trip is noteworthy because of the presence of the reserve force led by Brig. Gen. Beck," Sessions said. "I am impressed, in particular, with the professionalism and esprit of the men and women from the Alabama National Guard assigned to KFOR."

Later in the day, Sessions traveled to Camp Monteith and accompanied the 1137<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company on a walking patrol of Gjilane. The group toured the city on the way to the Kosovo Police Service headquarters, where he spoke with KPS and U.N. Mission in Kosovo police officers, and KFOR MP's.

"Do you see progress in your city?" Sessions asked one local resident.

"Oh, yes," he answered. "I think it is much better than before. Do you see change?" he asked the Senator.

"Much change, much progress," Sessions replied. "And I think a lot of it is due to the hard work of these soldiers," he added, motioning to the MP's on the street.

Sessions completed his Kosovo trip with a driving tour of Pristina. He said the improvement has been dramatic.

"Our military is exceedingly capable," Sessions said. "If we can convert Kosovo from a humanitarian disaster to a stable place, there will be a lot more benefits than just for the people of Kosovo."

"If we can succeed in transforming Kosovo," – and Sessions said he believes KFOR has been successful – "we *will* succeed elsewhere."

## "Our military is exceedingly capable."

U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions



**1st Lt. Brad Howard, a platoon leader for Alpha Company, 1-131st Aviation and a Mobile, Ala. native, greets Senator Jeff Sessions and Brig. Gen. Jerry G. Beck, Multi-National Brigade (East) commander at Slatina Airport Aug 7.**

# Seeing...

Testing the eye's internal pressure is done by Spc. Lisa Schleig during the preliminary screening and testing for a pair of prescription lenses.



Spc. Lisa Schleig locates the ocular center of the lens before sending it to be shaped.



Spc. Lisa Schleig grinds the edges smooth on a prescription lens shaped by her moments earlier.



## Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. Ken Petzold

While *"Oh, be careful little eyes what you see,"* may be a song sung by children, *"Oh, we're careful with your eyes so you can see"* could be the song sung by the optical fabrication department of Task Force Medical Falcon.

Spc. Lisa Schleig, non-commissioned officer-in-charge for the optometry clinic at TFMF, averages about seven single-vision prescription lenses made each week. The Mechanicsburg, Pa. native, has been called (unofficially) "the fastest fabricator in the West."

"It only takes about 20 minutes to make a pair of glasses," Schleig said. However, the actual fabrication is only part of the in-depth process to make a quality vision aid.

Before any work is done in the fabrication lab, Schleig takes great care with the examinations and tests needed to insure a correct prescription. A test to screen for glaucoma is done by a machine that sends a little puff of air into the patient's eye. This test measures the pressure inside the eye. If glaucoma is not detected early and treated, vision impairment and eventually blindness may occur.

Following the glaucoma screening is the distance and near vision screening. A close but not exact reading is obtained through an autorefractor. The ophthalmologist with the aid of a phoropter obtains the exact prescription.

"There are about 600 different prescriptions. The lenses are sent to us with the prescriptions already in them," Schleig said.

While knowing the exact prescription is important, there are several other vital bits of information necessary for the glasses to be "just what the doctor ordered."

A test to check for abnormal pupillary defects is done to make sure the pupils are working together. Also, a color vision test along with measuring the distance between the pupils is done to insure proper vision.

With all this information, Schleig heads for the fabrication lab to prepare a perfect fit pair of glasses. She selects the lens that has the correct prescription for each eye. All the lenses come sent in a standard round 70mm size. They are not glass either, but a polycarbonate plastic.

While the lenses are carefully chosen, so the frames are given careful consideration to insure they will fit the patient. The fabrication lab has a few frames-of-choice to select from. The ever-popular BCG's, officially known as MS9's are also available in several stylish choices. The latest lenses for the protective mask are also available.

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**"It only takes about 20 minutes to make a pair of glasses."**

**Spc. Lisa Schleig**

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Schleig now blocks the lens, which finds its center. After this, she puts the lens into an edger, which cuts the lens to the size of the frame. This shaping takes up the most time in the fabrication process.

She then puts the frames into hot beads, which soften the frames enough for her to pop the lens into the frame. The prescription lenses are now complete.

The completed prescription may still need one more step. The lab here can also put a tint on the lenses. The pair of glasses is dipped into a small container with the selected color dye. The longer the lenses are left in the darker the tint. A neutralizer is also used to lighten the tint if necessary.

The fabrication lab at the eye clinic is vital to make sure the peace-keeping forces of Multi-National Brigade (East) have correct prescription lenses and have them fast.

This is yet further evidence of how well the soldiers are taken care of so they can concentrate on accomplishing the mission in Kosovo.

# is Believing

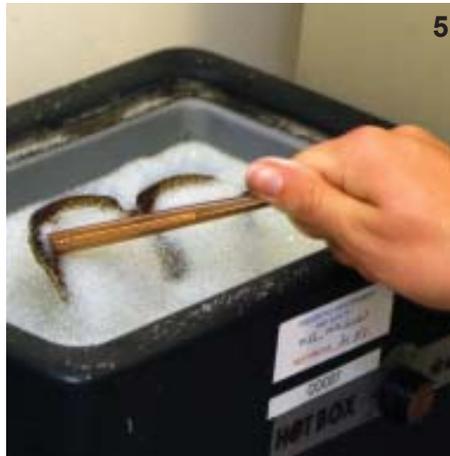


Spc. Lisa Schleg places the finished pair of BCG's on a patient at the TFMF optometry

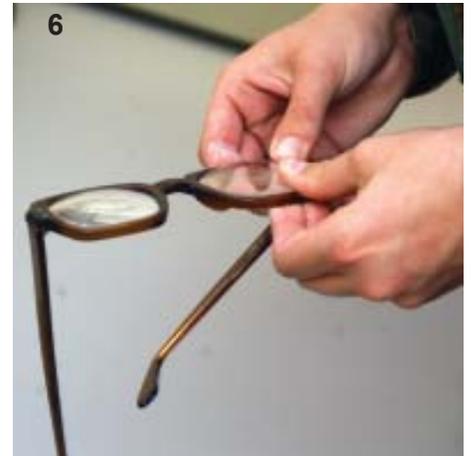
Spc. Lisa Schleg measures the size of a frame to insure the lens will be cut to precisely fit into it.



Plastic frames are softened by heating them in hot beads. This is done to allow the lenses to be put in the frames.



Spc. Lisa Schleg pops a lens into the heated frame of a pair of prescription lenses she is fabricating.



# Citizen Soldier: Serving His Country at Home and Abroad

Story and Photos by Sgt. Heidi Schaap

When most soldiers are deployed overseas, they are missed by their family, a few close friends, and their employer and co-workers.

But when Capt. John Mark Windle was deployed to Kosovo last April, his absence was felt by almost 62,000 people – Windle is a Tennessee state representative.

“What I do is try to deal directly with people,” said Windle, the Area Support Group Falcon legal advisor. “Most people think of the government as a sort of blank thing, but we try to put a name and a face to it. What we mostly do is constituent service, which means if someone’s got a problem, we take care of it.”

A Livingston, Tenn. native known to many at Camp Bondsteel by his thick “country” drawl, Windle has represented the 41<sup>st</sup> House District of Tennessee for 14 years.

He said his area is not wealthy, but he is still glad to represent it.

“It’s a great place to live,” Windle said. “I love the area, I love the people. I just couldn’t be happier working for them.”

Windle, who received his law degree from the University of Tennessee, started his career as an assistant district attorney.

“Most of the people I had to prosecute were from unfortunate backgrounds, being from a very poor area – they weren’t all bad people,” he explained. He said children raised in poor areas tend to have fewer educational opportunities, therefore they make less money and the next generation is trapped in poverty as well. This is when they often turn to crime.

That’s why Windle set out to help correct the downward spiral that can be caused by poverty. “It’s a vicious circle,” he said, “and someone has to stop it.”

“I thought I could be of better service to people working *for* them instead of working against them,” Windle added. “It was made clear a long time ago that you couldn’t discriminate based on color – but there’s still color discrimination going on out there, and that color is green – the color of money.”

Windle is especially proud of his Better Education Improvement Act, passed in 1992, which equalized the amount of state funding students receive.

“(Schools) in my area were receiving \$2500 a year per student, while students just down the road in wealthy areas were receiving up to \$4500 a year,” Windle said.

Now less privileged students have equal access to funds.

“I don’t like to say it,” added Windle, “but sometimes money really is power.”

Because of Windle’s work, this “Robin Hood” Act, taking money from the rich students and giving it the poor, has empowered a large group of Tennessee children.

Windle has grown his political career on speaking for those who don’t necessarily have the power to speak for



**Capt. John Mark Windle, legal advisor for Area Support Group Falcon, supports an ASG evaluation team in Peje Aug. 10.**

themselves: not only children, but the elderly, the environment, and the huge contingent of state employees who work in his three-county district. He also serves as Chairman of the House-Senate Oversight Committee and as the Vice-Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee.

But his dedication goes far beyond that of a “normal” state representative – Windle doesn’t just serve his state, but also his nation. He belongs to the Tennessee National Guard, attached to the 278<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment in Knoxville.

“With the same serving heart and sense of dedication he has had serving the people of Tennessee over the past (14) years in the legislature, John Mark now answers the call of his nation and President Bush,” said Tennessee House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh. “Our support goes out to him and his fellow troops.”

When he was mobilized last spring, Windle had to leave session six weeks early. No one filled his seat when he was deployed. In fact, his office continues to send work to Kosovo for him to finish up.

But even though he is doing a critically important job for the people of his state, in addition to maintaining a private law practice, he still shows his unwavering dedication to Task Force Falcon.

“Capt. John Windle has done a superb job for the ASG,” said Lt. Col. Kevin Jackson, acting commander of ASG Falcon. “The experience and knowledge that have made him successful as a legislator back home have been invaluable to us here on the ground at Camp Bondsteel.”

This may translate into a lot of hard work for Windle, but you’ll never hear him complain.

“People have been extra, extra good to me,” Windle humbly said. “It’s been a pleasure to serve here – it hasn’t been difficult to leave my job back home because people have worked hard to make it easy on me.”

# Soccer Tournament Fosters Friendship: 337th Engineers Teach Lessons in Sport, Life

**Story and Photo by  
Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson**

UPPER MALISHEVO, Kosovo — The quaint mountain village buzzed with excitement and anticipation as the soccer players of 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry made their way up the village streets. They were en route to the small, dirt soccer field upon which they played in a tournament August 3.

The highlight of the event was the participation of Serbian players in the Albanian-hosted tournament. Yet, children of the Albanian village still rushed to greet the peacekeeping players as they waited for the arrival of a Serbian team from the village of Silovo.

“It’s time to start doing multi-cultural things,” stressed Upper Malishevo Mayor Mejdi Selhani, who organized the event aimed at demonstrating the potential for the two groups to enjoy time they spend together and fostering the return of internally displaced persons.

Selhani placed the responsibility of a peaceful Kosovo directly on the shoulders of the province’s leadership, saying good leaders should do “good things.”

Selhani said he always wanted to do something good for both Albanians and Serbs and the tournament was the first time the village had hosted Serbs.

“We need to improve our lives on every level,” Selhani said. “If we don’t improve our lives, nobody wins.”

The event almost did not happen as planned when the Serbian team was unable to make alternate travel arrangements when their driver/goalie was delayed, according to Platoon Sergeant, Sgt. First Class James P. Watkins of Bravo Company, 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry. However, in yet another show of just what integral roles interpreters play here, Interpreter Ivan Gavrilovic packed himself and five soccer players into his tiny Volkswagen Golf and delivered the Serbian team to the field.

Freedom of movement in Kosovo was displayed as well when Serbian goalie Blanko Mitrovic showed in his vehicle unescorted by security personnel. Mitrovic said that he passed through three Albanian towns on the way to the game and did so without fear for his personal safety.

“If I had fear in me, I wouldn’t have come,” Mitrovic said.

Watkins said the transporta-

tion situation showed how much the Serbs wanted to participate in the event.

He expressed admiration for the courage of Selhani and surprise at how easy it was to get the soccer tournament together.

“History has always shown that it takes brave people making brave decisions to change things,” Watkins said.

Upper Malishevo lies within the area of responsibility of the 337<sup>th</sup> Engineers attached to 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry. Capt. Curtis R. Drake, Bravo Company, 337th Engineers company commander, praised the efforts of Selhani as well, saying he would like to see more proactive people such as the mayor.

Drake said the tournament was a step in the right direction as it promotes not only the return of IDP’s and inter-ethnic friendship, but also aids the transfer of authority from KFOR to Kosovo’s civilian agencies.

“If steps aren’t being taken by civilians, (KFOR must) do more positive work than we should have to,” Drake said.

Serbian Coach Miroliub Antanaskovic said that the event made him feel good and is an encouraging development for the future of Kosovo.

“People should get together in sport, then they can get along in life,” said Anatanaskovic.

So, who won the contest?

All who participated could claim victory for the day. When people are willing to put aside the issues of the past and move on to a productive, peaceful future together, everybody wins. The participants in this tournament show a willingness to do just that.

Events such as the tournament are the beginning fruits of NATO labor begun here in 1999. The villages represented in the tournament show themselves to be an example to their countrymen and an encouragement to the people of Kosovo that the realization of their hopes for a peaceful and prosperous future is within their reach.



**A Kosovar-Albanian soccer player tries to penetrate the Kosovar-Serbian defense on his way to the goal at a tournament Aug. 3.**

# An Ounce of Prevention

## Techniques for Avoiding Sports Injuries

**By Maj. David Doud,  
Task Force Falcon Surgeon**

Sporting events have long played a role in the military community. They encourage the development of many of the characteristics valued in a soldier, such as an outlet for stress and promotion of mental and emotional well-being. Unfortunately, sports can result in sports injuries, which can affect the medical readiness of a command and its ability to accomplish its mission.

Sporting injuries can basically be classified in two ways: As an acute injury or as a chronic repetitive use syndrome. Acute injuries occur suddenly, are immediately apparent, and are usually due to an abnormal motion of a joint or a blow to the body. Chronic repetitive syndromes are due to the additive effect of repeated traumatic events.

Some tips for avoiding a sports injury:

**Start a new exercise program slowly** – a poorly conditioned body is less able to respond to the stress and more prone to injury. Set your goals low and gradually build to higher goals.

**Use the appropriate protective equipment for the sporting event**

**Wear the right footwear for the right sport** – Running shoes do not provide the lateral support necessary for sports such as basketball and court shoes do not provide the cushioning and forefoot stability required for running. Using the right tool for the job will minimize your risk of suffering either an acute or chronic injury.

**Warm up and stretch out prior to exercise** – Warm and loose muscles and tendons are better able

to respond to the stress of exercise and less likely to become injured.

**If you have an injury, seek medical attention and REST IT** – This is the key to getting better. Most injuries are due to an inflammatory condition that will not get better if it continues to suffer repeated trauma. Rest allows the area to heal and the inflammation resolve. This does not mean ceasing all exercise, but it may mean modifying the exercise. For example, a runner with shin splints may have to stop running but can maintain his aerobic fitness on a stationary bike or elliptical trainer and then begin running when the pain has resolved.

**Have fun and play smart** – Remember, we are not here to earn our living on the athletic fields, so keep the competitive juices in check. There is little reward in this environment by giving it up for the team.

**With proper equipment and warm-up, soldiers can perform at peak levels. Photo by Sgt. Heidi Schaap.**



# Soul Food

## A message from the Chaplain

### What is your G-6 Plan?

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bruce Farrell

As we begin our deployment to Kosovo, I have been asking soldiers, "What's your G-6 plan?" The Army breaks down staff into different functions and gives them numbers. For example, G-1 means Staff that takes care of personnel issues. The 2 is in charge of intelligence, the 3 of operations, the 4 of logistics (supply and transportation), and the 6 is in charge of communication.

Many of us are experiencing an initial lift getting into Bondsteel and doing the mission for which they have been training for five months. I am concerned for the long-term issues that will keep relationships with the home front warm and us in better morale. With that stated purpose, here are some suggestions for improving or maintaining communication with your loved ones.

#### Digital pictures :

Many soldiers have digital cameras. If you do not, consider borrowing one to send pictures over the internet either way across the pond (Atlantic).

#### E-Mail:

My wife and I are planning on using text messaging during deployment to keep up communication and closeness.

#### Morale calls:

As I understand, soldiers can make a 15 minute call twice a week home for free to a local military DSN number. If base to home is a local call, the result is free; Otherwise, U.S. long-distance charges apply.

#### Web Camera:

Some of the soldiers in Bondsteel use a cheap internet camera to send video over the web.



Chaplain (Maj.) Bruce Farrell answers a question about the 23rd Psalm during a Wednesday night Bible study at the South Chapel at Camp Bondsteel.

#### Free mail:

From the time I first visited, I sent some cards home without stamps! Postage on letters is free from Kosovo. I, being the thrifty person that I am, plan on sending many love letters and cards to my wife. (In spite of the electronic age, don't we love real mail?)

#### VTC:

I am planning on doing a couple Video Teleconferencing Calls between my wife and daughters back home

#### Prayer:

I plan on having a daily prayer time to talk to God about my love ones and friends. There is something special about telling the Lord your concerns and longings for another that can make a difference in an extended deployment.

### Camp Bondsteel North Chapel Services and Times

#### Sunday:

0800 Liturgical Protestant  
0930 Roman Catholic Mass  
1100 Contemp. Protestant  
1400 Gospel

#### Tuesday:

1200 Roman Catholic Mass

#### Wednesday:

1900 Bible Study  
2030 Gospel Choir Practice

#### Thursday:

1900 Roman Catholic Mass

#### Friday:

1900 Prayer and Bible Studies

Saturday: 1200 Praise Team Practice

1900 Gospel choir

### Camp Bondsteel South Chapel Services and Times

#### Sunday:

0800 Roman Catholic Mass  
0930 Non-denominational Christian  
1300 Latter Day Saints

1930 Non-denominational Christian

#### Monday:

1200 Roman Catholic Mass

#### Saturday:

1930 Roman Catholic Mass

### Camp Monteith Chapel Services and Times

#### Sunday:

0900 Bible Study  
1000 Collective Protestant  
1200 Latter Day Saints  
1700 Contemporary Praise and Worship

1900 Roman Catholic Mass

#### Tuesday:

1900 "Building a Relationship Foundation" study

#### Friday:

1300 Muslim Service

(Chapel Annex)

# News Around the Globe

## Algebra Points Way to Happy Marriage

*Reuters, Aug. 7, 2003*

LONDON — A mathematician says he can predict with almost total accuracy which newly wed couples will enjoy a happy marriage — using two lines of algebra.

Professor James Murray says the two formulae he devised have a 94 percent success rate when it comes to forecasting whether a couple will stay together.

The formulae were calculated during a 10-year study of 700 couples in the United States conducted by Murray, a mathematics professor at the University of Washington, Seattle.

The experiment, conducted with the help of a psychologist, involved observing the couples during a 15 minute conversation when they were newly married, Murray said.

He presented his findings to a conference in Dundee, Scotland, for the first time on Thursday, the Telegraph said.

A couple's ability to communicate on subjects such as sex, child-rearing or money was measured using a scale that gave positive points for good signals, such as smiles and affectionate gestures, and negative points for bad signals, such as rolling of the eyes, mocking and coldness.

"We used an accepted psychological scoring system to award them points, such as minus three for scorn and plus two for humour," said Murray, the author of "Mathematics for Marriage".

The points were then converted into algebraic terms enabling the study's authors to make divorce projections. The results were fed into two equations — one for the husband and one for the wife.

The couples were checked every two years and the model predicted which marriages failed with almost complete accuracy.

## Michigan Farm Life Brochure "Stinks"

*Associated Press*

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.— Ottawa County officials are raising a stink as they try to educate would-be residents of some of the realities of rural living.

The Ottawa County Planning Commission has created a new brochure designed to reduce nuisance complaints that new homeowners sometimes make against farmers. The pamphlet includes a scratch-and-sniff section that emits a genuine odor of manure.

"It's an attention grabber," said Mark Knudsen, director of the county's planning and grants department. "The whole purpose is that people should not move into a rural area unless they're willing to accept and embrace the practices that happen on a farming operation."

The pamphlet explains that state law generally protects farmers from complaints about their operations, especially when spraying pesticides, spreading manure, transporting products and driving slow machines on two-lane roads.

## Penguins Get Ice "Lollies"

*By Nicola Scevola, Reuters*

LONDON —Penguins at London Zoo savored fish-flavored popsicles Tuesday as humans and animals alike tried to keep cool in a heat wave predicted to bring record temperatures to Britain this week.

Buckets of frozen water mixed with fish, fruits or herbs were given to tigers, bears and monkeys at London Zoo, while children's sunscreen was lathered on pigs at Newquay Zoo as temperatures topped 93 degrees. Elephants were bathed and rhinos wallowed in mud to find some cooling relief.

Forecasters expect Aug. 6 to be the hottest day this year with temperatures reaching up to 97 degrees.

## Saddam Still on the Move Network Crumbling

*Associated Press, Aug. 8, 2003*

TIKRIT, Iraq - As raids eat away at Saddam's support network, it has become increasingly difficult for guerrilla leaders to find foot soldiers willing to attack U.S. forces — driving the amount paid for a successful attack as high as \$5,000 from \$1,000, said Maj. Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division, citing Army intelligence.

"He is clearly moving three or four times every single day," Odierno told a news conference at his headquarters.

Saddam is likely being protected by a network of tribal and family supporters who are helping him move around, Odierno said.

The manhunt for the ousted Iraqi president is now focusing on a certain kind of terrain and building — in both rural and urban areas — that Saddam can exploit for security purposes, Odierno added.

The top allied commander also said the U.S. military, in a change in strategy, has decided to limit the scope of its raids in Iraq after receiving warnings from Iraqi leaders that the large military sweeps were alienating the public.

Lt. Gen. Ricardo S. Sanchez, the chief commander of allied forces in Iraq, said in an interview in Thursday editions of The New York Times that the military had virtually exhausted the gains from the massive raid approach.

American commanders decided to revise their approach after concluding that the overall number of attacks against U.S. forces had subsided and that Iraqis were providing more intelligence, a development U.S. officers say will enable them to take more of a "precision approach" in planning their operations to capture or kill Saddam and former ranking officials from his government.

# Soldier on the Street

Who is your favorite Super-Hero?



*Bill Cortellessa*

**Rank:** Maj.  
**Unit:** 28th Division Support Command, FLE  
**Job:** General Supply Officer  
**Hometown:** Sinking Spring, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Batman."



*William Johnson, Jr.*

**Rank:** 1st Sgt.  
**Unit:** Alpha Co., 1-131st Aviation  
**Job:** First Sergeant  
**Hometown:** Montgomery, Ala.  
**Quote:** "My wife, Deborah."



*Robert Bastian*

**Rank:** Spc.  
**Unit:** Bravo Co., 2-112th Infantry  
**Job:** Infantryman  
**Hometown:** Crescent, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Spiderman, ...my son's favorite"



*Yvonne Sander*

**Rank:** Spc.  
**Unit:** German Logistics Battalion MNB(SW)  
**Job:** G-1  
**Hometown:** Berlin, Germany  
**Quote:** "From X-Men, Storm."



*Brian Remsing*

**Rank:** Spc.  
**Unit:** Company B, 328th FSB  
**Job:** Radio and Computer Security Repair  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Pa.  
**Quote:** "Spiderman."



*Joseph Dougherty*

**Rank:** 1st Sgt.  
**Unit:** HHC 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion  
**Job:** HHC 1-111<sup>th</sup> First Sergeant  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Pa.  
**Quote:** "I have not found one yet."

# *Scenes of Kosovo*

*The ruins of a once majestic castle can be seen on a hill overlooking the village of Boston in the Novo Brdo municipality. Photo by Sgt. Nathaniel L. Nelson.*

